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House Membership

Representative Gary Elkins



Biographical Information

Gary Elkins was elected in 1995 to represent district 135, a portion of Harris County that includes Jersey Village. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Business and Industry committee and also sits on Calendars and Local Government Ways and Means committees.

A native of Houston, Representative Elkins graduated from Bellaire High School in 1974 and worked his way through college at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, where he earned a B.S. in Practical Theology. Representative Elkins returned to Houston and worked in real estate before starting his own business, Personal Credit Corporation.

Having served on the Financial Institutions committee, the State Affairs committee, the Rules and Resolutions committee, the State, Federal, and International Relations committee and the House Administration committee, Representative Elkins has gained a broad range of legislative experience during the decade he has spent serving his constituents.

Representative Elkins' philosophy of limited government that promotes pro-business and pro-family values has earned him a reputation as a common sense, conservative legislator. He believes that getting the job done right is more important than getting credit and always weighs the merit of legislation on whether it is in the best interests of his constituents.

Representative Elkins was recognized by the Texas Association of Business as a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" based on his pro-business voting records in the 77th and 78th legislatures. The Free Enterprise PAC has recognized him as among the top 10 percent of most conservative legislators based on economic, social, government and education votes taken during the legislative sessions.

Representative Elkins lives in Jersey Village and is married to the former Julie Ann Brown. Together they have four children, one grandchild, and are members of Faith Assembly of God Church.

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